

STILL IN SERVICE

First Locomotive Built West of the Mississippi River.

Was Constructed in Topeka Shops in 1880-81.

IS USED AS SWITCH ENGINE

It Is Just as Effective as Ever It Was.

It Is All That Remains of Geo. Hackney's Work.

The first locomotive built west of the Mississippi river was constructed in the Topeka shops of the Santa Fe. The work was begun in 1880 and the locomotive was completed in 1881.

When this work took place, W. B. Strong was president of the Santa Fe with headquarters in Topeka. The Santa Fe shops employed a force of 400 men when running on full time. The late George Hackney was superintendent of machinery and he was the builder of the first engine, all parts being constructed in Topeka.

No. 6172 is still in the service of the Santa Fe. It is just as effective as it was when Hackney built it. It is the only one of a half dozen which he built that is still in Santa Fe service today.

Locomotives can be kept in repair from year to year so that many veterans of the road are still active on the system. There are only a few engines, however, which have been in constant use for more than 40 years. But for those ten or a dozen years younger, the old parts can easily be restored from time to time so as to keep up with the modern trend of machinery. A large force of men is regularly employed in the local shops rebuilding parts.

The reason that the first engines on the road became obsolete is that they are too small for the requirements of today. All of the old ones are unfit for either passenger or freight use on the main lines, but they have been taken to the branches where they are used to good advantage. The old freight engines are used in the switching service while the old passenger engines are pulling "plugs" on minor lines.

Value of a Locomotive.
Take engine No. 631, for instance. The worth of a locomotive is usually estimated on its tractive force. This engine, which was only recently dedicated to the scrap heap, had a tractive force of 9,300. It was formerly used in passenger service. The larger passenger locomotives of today, class 3500 of the Baldwin-Pacific type, have a tractive force of 34,000 pounds.

One of the best freight engines thirty years ago had a tractive force of 16,800 pounds. One of the monsters of that time, one that attracted wide attention, had a force of 23,600 pounds. No one believed a locomotive could be larger. Yet in everyday service now there are engines with a force of 33,000 pounds. There are mallet engines with a tractive force of 108,300 pounds and one or two huge engines with 111,600 pounds.

The cost of a locomotive today varies. The smaller ones of 35 years ago were priced at \$8,000. Today the average engine costs around \$25,000, while the larger ones used in the heavy freight service average from \$30,000 to \$40,000. One of the finest types of locomotive on the system, a series used extensively on fast freight movements, has a tractive force of 66,400 and costs nearly \$40,000.

Built in 1888.
No. 40, the old engine used on the Topeka-St. Joseph branch, was built in 1888. It is still in excellent condition.

The Santa Fe has between 2,200 and 2,300 engines. Many of the older locomotives are continually being sent to the scrap heap or sold to smaller railroads. When an engine is doomed to destruction, the valuable parts are always sorted out and sold or saved for use again.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad today has many old locomotives which were in the service as far back as 1828. They have the first engine that

was ever used on their road and the locomotive today is still used on historic occasions and it can still go along at a fairly good clip on the B. & O. tracks. It is interesting to note that the general manager of the road today is a grandson of the first engineer of the system, the man who operated engine No. 1.

The development in locomotive construction has been wonderful in the century or less that railroads have been running in the United States. They range from the little engine on the B. & O., which resembles a baby carriage, to the civil war day locomotives that were built in the Topeka shops 30 years ago, down to the powerful locomotives used by standard lines today.

A person can only vaguely estimate the manner of engines which shall be in common use a half century from now.

SETS A NEW MARK

June '15 Class Largest Ever Graduated From High School.

Commencement Exercises at Auditorium Friday Night.

One hundred and seventy-five students, approximately, will form the largest graduation class ever produced by the Topeka high school at the commencement exercises at the city auditorium Friday night. The exact number and roster of the class has not been announced.

One of the principal reasons of this is the fraternity question which is now in the hands of the board of education and is being watched by the public and those connected with the school. Following the meeting of the board of education which will be held Monday evening the roster of the class will be announced.

This year's class exceeds by thirty students the size of any class that has ever graduated from the school. Seven students out of the class are graduating with a grade of "B" in all 32 credits.

Following is the program—practically complete—to be given Friday evening:

Music.....High school orchestra
Carleton Wood, director.
Processional march, Mildred Hazelrigg
Music.....High school orchestra
Whistling solo.....Florence Fair
Music.....Boys' quartet
Reading.....Esther Freeman
Song.....High school chorus
Miss Bradford, director.
Oration.....Sol Gilberg
Song.....Glee club
Presentation of Diplomas.
President P. W. Griggs

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Kenneth Majors, age 1 month 8 days, died Friday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Majors, 408 Linwood avenue. The body will be sent to Rossville tomorrow for burial.

Mrs. Ellen S. Corbett, age 34, died this morning at her home, 9 miles southwest of Topeka. The funeral will be held at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon from the home. Interment in Mission Center cemetery.

Pauline Jacobs, age 13, died this morning as a result of injuries received in an explosion Friday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, who live at 315 Ash street. The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock Monday morning from St. Joseph's German Catholic church. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Anna Winters, age 11 months, died last night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goodford Winters, 1017 North Jefferson street. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from St. Joseph's German Catholic church. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Earl Sadlemire, age 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Sadlemire and grandson of Mrs. C. H. Towles, 491 West Gordon street, died Saturday morning in Los Angeles. The body will be brought to Topeka for burial. Funeral announcements later.

Massachusetts has six living ex-governors.

IN NORTH TOPEKA

Last Meeting of Parent-Teachers' Association Monday.

Gertelsen Tells of Squatter Days in Little Russia.

The last meeting of the Quincy Parent-Teachers' association will be held Monday night in the Quincy school building. The principal feature of the evening's program will be a demonstration of one of the latest models, the Edison talking machine. A special representative of the factory will be present and give a lecture on the manufacture of this instrument. All of the latest records will be played during the evening.

The boys in Quincy school, who took part in the exhibition, which was given Friday night at the Manual Training building did remarkably well. The tumbling team from Quincy was the only one in the city schools. The boys have been practicing one night a week during the past winter, under the direction of C. M. Morrow and the athletic director of the city schools. The seventh and eighth grade chorus gave several selections.

Residents Moving Back.
The few residents of North Topeka who became unduly alarmed over the condition of the river are moving back today. All of their trouble was for naught and the transfer companies are ahead.

Stories are told of moving wagon proprietors who excited the people Friday and tried to obtain exorbitant prices for moving goods to the South side. One concern, it is said, passed cards through the residence district of the North side quoting prices they would charge for use of their wagons.

Among the Churches.
Fred Voland will have charge of the morning service at the North Topeka Baptist church Sunday. His subject will be, "What We Owe to the Imperfect." As illustrations, several of the old songs by renowned writers will be sung. As these songs are sung by the choir, Mr. Voland will explain some of the life of the writers and any features of special interest about the music. Gorden Botkin of the State penitentiary at Lansing, Kan., will speak at the evening service on "A Voice From the Underworld." The sermon will be on prison reform.

R. C. Caldwell will have charge of the morning service and Rev. Mr. Handley in the evening.

The regular services will be held at the North Topeka Congregational church Sunday.

Sunday, May 30, will be church visitation day. A dozen teams of each will spend the afternoon making calls in the interest of the church activities.

Sunday, May 30, closes the third year of the ministry of John D. Zimmerman in North Topeka. During that time the resident membership has increased fifty per cent, and the church building has been rebuilt and enlarged. There will be a membership rally next Sunday. In the morning the sermon will be "Called to Account." Twenty-five men and women will spend the afternoon visiting the members and friends of the congregation. In the evening the sermon will be on a subject appropriate to Memorial day.

Saturday, May 29, the ladies of the Christian church will hold a bazaar and serve dinner in Barrett's hall. The Christian church is planning for outdoor meetings on Sunday evenings during the hot weather.

Kansas Avenue Methodist church. J. E. Scheer, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock, theme, "We Owe Our Best." Epworth League at 6:45 o'clock, leader, H. A. French. Intermediate League at 7 o'clock. Preaching at 8 o'clock, theme, "An Object of Study." Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 o'clock. Choir rehearsal Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Junior League Friday afternoon at 4:30. Regular monthly meeting of the official board Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Notes and Personals.
Theo. A. Wilkie, of the North Topeka postoffice will attend the state meeting of postoffice employees, which will convene in Manhattan, Kan., Monday, May 31. Mr. Wilkie is a delegate from the Topeka branch.

C. S. Gillispie stopped in North Topeka. M. A. Hutchinson, of Kiro, was a North Side visitor today.

peka today on his way to Kansas City from Western Kansas.

Election of officers will be held at Amity lodge No. 231, Knights of Pythias, Monday night. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Chas. Sheets is spending the week-

end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sheets on North Quincy street.

J. F. Hightower, of Chicago, arrived Friday to spend a short time with his son, H. Hightower, 318 East Laurent street.

A baseball game was played this afternoon between the Rangers' class of the North Topeka Athletic club and the Boys' of the State Industrial school.

Lee Stanley has returned from Peru, where he went to look after his crops, according to Mr. Stanley some of the wheat and corn in the bottoms is in a bad condition from the heavy rains.

Chester Thomas, who is attending the Kansas university at Lawrence, is spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of North Jackson street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fraser, of La Junta, Colo., have returned to their home after visiting Mr. Fraser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Fraser.

The Rev. Joseph P. Hicks, of the Second Presbyterian, has returned from La Junta, Kan., where he attended the Fourth District convention of the Christian Endeavor society.

A. M. Petro, druggist—Adv.

The ice cream social that was to have been given Friday night at West Indianola, has been postponed indefinitely.

The Tusneo Taka Hashi club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Minnie McGrew, 1131 North Harrison street.

The J. O. D. club was entertained Friday afternoon at the north end Grace Forbes, 1001 North Monroe street.

Rev. W. Garnett Handley, of the North Topeka Baptist church, will speak in the morning at the First church on the South Side.

Mrs. Anna M. Gould, who has been visiting her daughter in Kansas City, will return the first of the week to her home, 1018 North Kansas avenue.

Tyre Smith, of route 4, sustained a paralytic stroke Thursday and is in a serious condition.

Officer Jones was called Friday evening to the rear of the Dibble grocery store to kill a dog that showed symptoms of hydrophobia.

A bad accident was narrowly averted this morning when a south bound street car started to cross the Union Pacific tracks. The flagman had motioned the car to stop while a freight train backed up, but the conductor evidently thinking he could get across the tracks ahead of the train gave the motorman the signal to go.

Just then the train commenced to back. The car was stopped suddenly and no damage was done.

At the Princess today, six reels— "Avening Dentist," 2-part comedy, "When God Played a Badger Game," drama; "A Bit O' Heaven," "Call of a Child," 2-part drama featuring Asta Melissen—Adv.

WANT MRS. CHAPIN.

Eighty-Three Topeka Lawyers Endorse Her for District Court Clerk.

A committee of three lawyers headed by John Waters called at the Shawnee county probate court room this

morning and served upon Mrs. Mary Chapin, chief clerk, a formal pledge of their support of her candidacy for the office of clerk of the district court. The round robin contains the signatures of 83 members of the Shawnee county bar who have become acquainted with Mrs. Chapin in the course of the six years in which she has been connected with the probate court.

The round robin said: "We, the undersigned, members of the Shawnee County Bar, do hereby endorse and pledge our support to the candidacy of Mrs. Mary E. Chapin for the office of clerk of the district court of Shawnee county. Mrs. Chapin has had six years' experience as chief clerk in the office of the probate court of Shawnee county and has performed the duties of that office efficiently and to the entire satisfaction of the bar and all having business with said court. We feel that she will make an excellent clerk of the district court."

Mrs. Chapin has not announced her candidacy.

RAIL BOARD IS BLOCKED
Roads Get Temporary Orders in Arkansas Rate Fight.

St. Paul, May 29.—Temporary injunctions restraining the Arkansas railway commission from putting into effect its new two-cent-a-mile passenger rate on all roads over eighty-five miles long, and three cents a mile on five railroads under that length, today were granted by the United States district court to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Fine Bluff, Arkansas River railway, and the Warren & Ouchita Valley railway companies.

Norway whale exports are increasing.

Decoration Day
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119 E. 6th St.

PAISED BY GARRISON
Secretary of War Compliments Topeka Rifle Club on Its Membership.

H. B. Howard of the Topeka Rifle club has just received from the secretary of war at Washington the approved charter of the club in the National Rifle association and also a personal letter from Secretary Garrison complimenting the club on the personnel of its charter members.

Mr. Howard states that two cases of rifles have been ordered with 9,000 rounds of ammunition and targets and that the club hopes to have everything on hand and the targets set up so that the first practice shoot can be held on the new range not later than June 15.

The Topeka Rifle club now has a membership of 80, all of whom are representative business men of the city.

HIGHLAND PARK NOTES
The regular business meeting of the K. K. K.'s was held at the home of Mr. Will Hamilton Friday evening. A large number of the members were out, and all enjoyed a good time.

If the weather will permit and the mud on the tennis grounds disappears a number of the club tennis players will be rounding themselves into shape Monday afternoon, after a few months' rest.

South African business is severely depressed by war.

PRESIDENT GARDNER.

New Executive Head of Topeka Typographical Union.

M. H. Gardner, who was this week elected president of the Topeka Typographical union No. 121 has had especially wide experience in the various lines of the printing trade. He is at present one of the skilled linotype operators in the state printing plant; has been editor, publisher and proprietor of a number of newspapers and has practiced the art preservative in its various forms in a composing room since he was 15 years old, when he was initiated into the craft on the Eureka, Kan., Herald. From Eureka he went to Emporia, thence to the Wichita Eagle where he was employed by Marsh Murdock and his brother Roland P. Murdock. Returning to Emporia he joined the forces of the Emporia News as a compositor.



M. H. Gardner, President-elect of the Topeka Typographical Union.

For several years Frank P. MacLennan, of this paper, and Mr. Gardner were fellow workers on the Emporia News. In 1880, when Mr. MacLennan acquired a proprietary interest in the Emporia News he appointed Gardner foreman of the composing room. Mr. MacLennan came to Topeka and bought the State Journal in 1885. Some time before Mr. Gardner bought a half interest in the Republican, of Galena, Kan., and went there to live.

Afterwards he bought an interest in the News of Baxter Springs, with which he was connected for sixteen years; thence in 1898 again to Galena, Kan., where he was connected with the Galena Post, the Galena Times and the Galena Post, being a partner there of William Higgins, former secretary of state. In 1901 Gardner went to Joplin, Mo., and was employed on the News-Herald at that place for ten years. While living in Baxter Springs he was a member of the board of education and for four years was city clerk.

He came to Topeka in 1912. He is 58 years old, has eight children and nine grandchildren. Four of his children are married, one of them living in Webb City, Mo.; one in San Francisco, and another in Los Angeles. One of his sons, Floyd N. Gardner, is a linotype operator on the News-Herald of Joplin, Mo. A brother, Harry E. Gardner, is passenger agent of the Colorado and Granddams with headquarters at Colorado Springs. Another brother, Ed E. Gardner, is in charge of the drapery department of the Keith Furniture company of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gardner live at 1112 Tyler street.

Mr. Gardner will take his office in August, succeeding the present president, Otto Rahn.

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Another Warning—

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